



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE AND CARLISLE BARRACKS
CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA 17013-5017

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR AY04 ARMY WAR COLLEGE SELECTEES

SUBJECT: Carlisle Barracks Graduate Assistance Program (GAP)

1. The Carlisle Barracks GAP is a concurrent graduate program that provides an excellent opportunity for Army War College students to pursue an initial civilian master's degree during residency. There are five cooperating civilian universities in this program, and each recognizes the USAWC curriculum for nine or more transfer credits.
2. The Shippensburg and Penn State Universities offer courses that lead to a Master of Arts in Public Administration (MPA). The universities compare favorably in admission, workload, and credit hour requirements. Completion time for each is approximately 11 months. The Shippensburg MPA Program is the most popular and convenient. Evening classes are conducted at the Carlisle Barracks in Root Hall of the Army War College. Penn State classes are conducted evenings at the Harrisburg Campus. In addition, a distance education program is available through the Salve Regina University. Salve offers four distinctly different degrees, to include its most recent, a Master of Business Administration. Completion time for the Salve program is approximately two and one-half years.
3. If interested in the Shippensburg graduate program, there are two early and ideal start dates available: the first Monday of June or July. A mandatory orientation to correspond with each start date will be conducted by the Shippensburg University Graduate Adviser in Root Hall. Additional details will be sent upon completion of the Notification of Interest Form located on the web-site below. Early arrival should be planned around one of the starting dates. Individuals who cannot arrive early may still enroll with Shippensburg in late August, but will be required to remain at Carlisle Barracks after Army War College graduation to complete graduate requirements. The third and final mandatory orientation will be conducted the second week in August for the August enrollees.
4. A copy of the program directive is posted on the USAWC homepage at:
<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usag/edctr/gapprogram/default.htm>

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